

# **Georgia Department of Natural Resources**

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Dear Mining and Processing Facility General NPDES Permit Stakeholder:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about our ongoing activities to improve the NPDES permitting process and let you know how you can contribute to this effort.

The Georgia EPD is developing a new general permit that will authorize discharges from mining and processing facilities. The general permit would only authorize discharges that will not cause or contribute to water quality violations.

EPD is seeking public input on this draft general permit prior to June 16, 2015. The draft general permit and fact sheet is available for review on EPD's website at the following web address: <http://epd.georgia.gov/wastewater-npdes-las-forms>. The initial stakeholder meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 10:00 am at the Tradeport Training Room, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 116, Atlanta, GA 30354.

All those who may be impacted or interested by the permit are welcome to attend. This will not be the last opportunity for public involvement in the development of this permit, but stakeholders are encouraged to get involved early. If you have questions or comments, please contact me at 404-656-2795 or via email at [Angelique.Young@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Angelique.Young@dnr.ga.gov).

Sincerely,



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